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**Monday Through Thursday:** 9 am to 12 noon  
and 6 pm to 8 pm  
**Friday, Weekends & Holidays:** 9 am to 8 pm

# PASCHIMAVANI

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OM NAMAH SHIVAYA

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### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

#### *Ushering in a New Year*

Dear Devotees,

As 2008 rolls in, HCCC anticipates a large number of devotees to visit the Shiva Vishnu Temple in the ensuing months : for New Year's Day and for events that follow, such as Rama Navami, etc.

As a registered non profit organization, this is also the time of the year when HCCC kicks off its annual election process. Shri Prakash Pokala has been nominated as the Election Committee Chair.

Some of the HCCC key goals are to achieve "devotee retention" and "devotee satisfaction". We would like devotees to visit the temple as often as possible and also have an authentic experience at the temple.

One area we have focused on is the Annadana program. This, combined with volunteer help, caters to the need of devotees visiting the temple during weekends: by offering prasadam during lunch time. We are also planning to provide some facelift to the eating area in the short haul.

HCCC's vision for the future is to continually improve its efficiencies: be it in temple operations or facility enhancements. We would like all the devotees to be part of these improvements, since we are a volunteer-run organization. Please join us by offering your services to the extent you can.

We look forward to your continued visits in 2008.

On behalf of the entire staff and volunteers of HCCC, we wish You A Very Happy New Year.

May the Lord be with us in all our endeavors

God Bless us all.

Krishna Chander

Chairman of the Board, HCCC

### VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR VALUED ASSET

#### We Need Everyone

Please contact the following if you like to coordinate a Religious function at the Temple

**H. K. Narayan at 510-648-0642 ; Srinivasa Malladi at 408-203-4418**

Please communicate with the front office if you like to volunteer your time in the activities related to Cultural Events, Human Services, Youth & Education, Publicity, Maintenance and Anna daana Programs. Provide your Name, Phone Number, and E-Mail Address at the front desk and let us know how you want to serve the Temple.

**PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS**

DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Jan 1st Tuesday	New Years Day		Temple opens from 7:00 AM to 8:30 PM
Jan 2nd Wednesday	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Jan 3rd Thursday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Jan 5th Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Swarna Alamkaram for Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Balaji Shiva Abhisheka
Jan 6th Sunday	Pradosham Hanuman Jayanthi Masa Shivaratri	5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Detailed Program at the end 108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Shiva Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Jan 10th Thursday	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Jan 12th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Tomala Seva for Balaji Muttangi Alamkaram for Shiva
Jan 13th Sunday	Dhanur Masa Puja ends Shukla Shasti	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Andal Kalyanam Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Jan 14th Monday	Makara Sankranthi, Thai Pongal Ayyappa Makara Deepa Pooja	6:30 PM	Ayyappa Pooja
Jan 17th Thursday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Jan 18th Friday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Jan 19th Saturday	Ekadasi 3rd Saturday of the Month	6:30 PM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka Rajatha Alamkara for Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji
Jan 20th Sunday	Pradosham	5:00 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Jan 21st Monday	3rd Sunday of the Month MLK Day	11:00 AM Weekend Timings	Bilwa Dala Archana for Shiva Temple opens from 9:00AM to 8:00PM
	Poornima	6:30 PM	Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
	Punarvasu	5:00 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Jan 22nd Tuesday	Thai Poosam	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Jan 25th Friday	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Jan 26th Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
Jan 27th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Jan 29th Tuesday	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Feb 2nd Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM 12:00 Noon	Swarna Alamkaram for Shiva Vastra Samarpana for Balaji
Feb 4th Monday	Ekadasi Pradosham & Masa Shivaratri	5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka 108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Shiva
Feb 6th Wednesday	Solar Eclipse Not Visible In USA Sravana	6:30PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Feb 9th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00AM 11:00AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Shiva Tomala Seva for Balaji
Feb 11th Monday	Vasanta Panchami	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 12:00 Noon	Puja and Pushpanjali in Dasabhuja Durga Sanctum Saraswati Puja and Pushpanjali AksharaBhyasa for Children ( HATHE KARI ) Bhog Prasad
Feb 12th Tuesday	Shukla Shasti	6:30 PM	Sri Lalita Sahasranama Archana for Parvati
Feb 13th Wednesday	Ratha Saptami	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana
Feb 14th Thursday	Krittika	10:30 AM	Surya Namaskara Followed by Sri Aruna Parayanam
Feb 15th Friday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Feb 16th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	6:30 PM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sri Krishna Pooja Rajatha Alamkaram for Shiva Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji
Feb 17th Sunday	Ekadasi 3rd Sunday of the Month Ratha Saptami Weekend Function	5:00 PM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka Bilwa Dala Archana for Shiva Surya Namaskara Followed by Sri Aruna Parayanam
Feb 18th Monday	Punarvasu Presidents Day	5:00 PM Weekend Timings	Sri Rama Abhisheka Temple opens from 9:00AM to 8:00PM
Feb 19th Tuesday	Pradosham Poornima	5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayana

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DATE/DAY	EVENTS	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Feb 20th Wednesday	Lunar Eclipse	Visible in USA	17:43 to 21:09, Evening temple closed, 12 Noon Ekantha Seva
Feb 23rd Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
Feb 24th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	KalaBhairava Abhisheka
	Sankata Hara Chathurthi	5:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Feb 26th Tuesday	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Feb 29th Friday	Shiva Brahmotsavam Day 1		Detailed Program at the End
Mar 1st Saturday	1st Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Swarna Alamkaram for Shiva
		12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Balaji
	Shiva Brahmotsavam Day 2		Detailed Program at the End
Mar 2nd Sunday	Shiva Brahmotsavam Day 3		Detailed Program at the End
Mar 3rd Monday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Mar 4th Tuesday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
	Sravana	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasranama Archana
Mar 5th Wednesday	Maha Shivaratri		Detailed Program at the End
Mar 8th Saturday	2nd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Tomala Seva for Balaji
		11:00 AM	Muttangi Alamkaram for Shiva
Mar 9th Sunday	DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS		
Mar 12th Wednesday	Shukla Shasti and Krittika	6:30 PM	Kartikeya Abhisheka and Sahasranama Archana
Mar 13th Thursday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
	Kardiyar Nombu	21:27	
Mar 15th Saturday	3rd Saturday of the Month	11:00 AM	Rajatha Seva for Lord Shiva
		11:00 AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji
Mar 16th Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Month	11:00 AM	Bilwa Dala Archana for shiva
	Punarvasu	5:00 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Mar 17th Monday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Mar 18th Tuesday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhisheka
Mar 20th Thursday	Poornima Holi	6:30 PM	Sri Lalita Sahasranama Parayana
Mar 21st Friday	Panguni Uttiram		Detailed Program at the End
Mar 22nd Saturday	4th Saturday of the Month	12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
Mar 24th Monday	Sankatahara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Mar 29th Saturday	5th Saturday of the Month	10:00 AM	Sahasra kalasha Abhisheka for Balaji
Mar 30th Sunday	Last Sunday of the Month	4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka

### 5TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2007

Our year always ends with a grand finale - Annual Children & Youth Day. This was the 5th year this event was conducted and it turned out to be a phenomenal success. This year's theme was called – **REACH** – Religious, Education, Arts, Culture, and Human Services! The program started with a prayer by Pdt. Nageshwara Sastry. The morning session consisted of sloka recitation and bhajans. There was also an activity center - children got to do sand art, clay art and paper flower art. In addition, children got to write their names in Sanskrit. There was also a Human Services booth that handed out information about earthquake, fire and flood preparedness. There were several dance and drama performances in the afternoon. In all about 160 children participated and all of them received a trophy for their wonderful performance. This program would not have been possible without the help of all Youth & Education's wonderful volunteers – all age groups - Dr. Kamala Shankar, Mrs. Parvathy, Padmaja Madhusudan, Dhanya Madhusudan, Sudha Prabhnandan, XXXXXXXXXX, Sunitha Krishnakumar, Preethi Unnikrishnan, Guna Thiagarajan, Thiagarajan, Anand and Jyothi Gundu, Anand Gundu's mother, **Padma Subbaraman**, **Nyantri Subbaraman**, **Naveendh Subbaraman**, Rajagopal Kowligi, Geeta Kowligi, Gokul Kowligi, Girish Kowligi, Srikali Varanasi, Goutam Varanasi, Srivishnu Vedanthi and Sumedh Vedanthi.



<b>HANUMAN JAYANTHI</b>		
DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Jan 6th Sun</b>	9:00 AM	Suprabatham
	10:00 AM	SundaraKanda Homam
	6:30 PM	Hanuman Abhisheka
	7:30 PM	Sahasra Nagavalli and sahasra Kadali Phala Archana
	8:30 PM	Ekanta Seva
<b>SHIVA BRAHMOTSAVAM</b>		
<b>Feb 29th Fri</b>	7:00 PM	Anujna, Ganapati Pooja, Punyahavachana, Deeksha Panchagavya, Amkuranpanam, Nandi Abhisheka, Vastu Homa, Dhawaja Pataka Pooja, Dhawaja Arohana, Bali, Arati, Prasadam
<b>Mar 1st Sat</b>	9:00 AM	Suprabatham
	9:30 AM	Shiva Abhisheka
	10:30 AM	Nava Kumbha Sthapana
	11:30 AM	Agni Pratishta, Nitya Homa and Bali
	12:30 PM	Arathi
	4:00 PM	Rudra Krama Archana
	5:00 PM	Rudra Homa, Sadyojatadi Homa, Parivara devata Homa, Laghu Poornahuti
	7:00 PM	Nitya Aradhana, Bali
	7:30 PM	Arati, Mantra Pushpam and Rajopachara Seva
<b>Mar 2nd Sun</b>	8:00 AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham
	8:30 AM	Shiva, Ganapati & Kartikeya Abhishekam
	10:30 AM	Nitya Homa, Bali
	11:30 AM	Parvati Parameshwara Utsava Murthy Abhisheka
	1:00 PM	Avabrutha Snamam, Maha Poornahuti, and Arathi
	3:30 PM	Shiva kalyanam
	5:00 PM	Nandi Vahana Seva for Lord Shiva
	7:00 PM	Mouna Bali, Dwaja Avarohanam, Deeksha Visarjanam, Asheervachanam
<b>MAHA SHIVARATRI</b>		
<b>Mar 5th Wed</b>	6:00 AM	Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham
	6:30 AM	1st Yaama - Shiva Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	2nd Yaama - Shiva Abhisheka
	1:00 PM	3rd Yaama - Shiva Abhisheka
	3:30 PM	4th Yaama - Shiva Abhisheka
	5:00 PM	Jyothirlinga Archana
	6:00 PM	5th Yaama - Mahanyasa Parayanam, Rudra Abhisheka and Rajopachara Seva
	12:30 AM	6th Yaama - Shiva Abhisheka
	3:30 AM	7th Yaama - Shiva Abhisheka
	5:30 AM	8th Yaama - Shiva Abhisheka

<b>PANGUNI UTTIRAM</b>		
DATE/DAY	TIME	EVENTS
<b>Mar 21st Fri</b>	5:00 PM	Sri Suktha Homam
	7:00 PM	Gadya Traya Parayanam, Mahalakshmi Utsavam
	7:30 PM	Sethi Seva
<b>SRI RAMA NAVAMI CELEBRATIONS</b>		
<b>Apr 6th Sun thru</b>	8:00AM - 12:00 Noon	Srimad Ramayana
<b>Apr 13th Sun</b>		Parayana Starts
	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Sri Rama Sahasranama Archana
<b>Apr 12th Sat</b>	5:00 PM	Punarvasu Sri Rama Moola Murthy and Utsava Murthy Abhisheka
<b>SRI RAMA NAVAMI</b>		
<b>April 13th Sun</b>	7:00 AM	Suprabatham
	7:30 AM	Abhisheka for Shiva, Ganesha, Kartikeya and Anjaneya
	8:00 AM	Sri Rama Shadakshari Homa and Namakarana Samskara Homa
	9:30 AM	Sita Rama Edurukola Utsavam
	11:00 AM	Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam
	12:00 Noon	Sumuhurtam
	12:30 PM	Akshataropanam, Asheervachanam and Theertha Prasadam
	1:30 PM	Sri Sita Rama Sankeertanam
	3:00 PM	Sri Rama Pattabhishekam
	6:00 PM	Hanumanta Vahana Utsavam with Rama Sankeertana Chakka Bhajana
	7:00 PM	Maha Mangala Arati
	7:15 PM	Kalyana Bhojanam in A.Hall
	8:00 PM	Ekanta Seva for Balaji
<b>TAMIL NEW YEAR</b>		
<b>Apr 13th Sun</b>	9:00AM	Vishu Panchanga sravanam in Tamil
<b>MEENAKSHI SUNDARESHWARA TIRUKALYANAM</b>		
<b>Apr 19th Sat</b>	8:00 AM	Suprabatham
	8:30 AM	Shiva Abhisheka
	9:00 AM	Balaji Abhisheka
	11:00 AM	Shiva Parvati Utsava Murthy Abhisheka
	12:00 Noon	Alamkaram
	12:45 PM	Seer Giving Ceremony
	1:00 PM	Unjal
	3:00 PM	Sri Meenakshi Ambal Kannika Danam by Lord Maha Vishnu
	3:30 PM	Homam, Poornahuti
	5:30 PM	Vrishabha Vahana Tiru vedhi Utsavam
	7:00 PM	Kalyana Bhojanam

## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

HCCC Human Services and Youth & Education with Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) jointly hosted the first ever Can Food drive at the Livermore temple during the months of October and November. ACCFB is the Alameda county's clearing house for donated food, the Food Bank provides food assistance for 40,000 low-income Alameda County residents each week, which includes 14,000 children and 7,000 seniors. Most adults served are among the working poor individuals, they also distribute bags of food to school children in need. HCCC acknowledges the gracious can food donations by all the devotees without their help the temple wouldn't have filled 5 barrels of Can food for the needy and hungry. Thanks to the temple management and all the Devotees for their overwhelming contributions and helping the local community.

ACCFB's volunteers were impressed with the Temple's can food drive ,since we collected close to 547 Pounds of food with another 150 pounds of food waiting to be picked up. All this credit goes to the Devotees for being generous and thoughtful of the community needs.

Anand Gundu - *Chairperson Human Services*

Archana Ranganathan -*Chairperson Youth & Education*

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## SARASWATHI PUJA/AKSHARABHYASA HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2007

Youth and Education conducted this year's Saraswathi Puja/Aksharabhyasa on October 17, 2007. It was really refreshing to see about 80 children participate in the puja even though it was a week day. Y&E sincerely thanks Laxmikant and Megha Joshi for coordinating this event. Y&E also thanks Pdt. Sridhar Bhattar, Pdt. Kannan and Pdt. Sampath Sridharan who ably conducted the puja. This event would not have been possible with out the help of all the dedicated volunteers - Padmaja Madhusudan, Anand Gundu, Chetan Mrutyunjaya, Dr. Kamala Shankar, Mrs. Parvathy, Geeta & Rajagopal Kowligi and Sridhar Pootheri.

## THE SKANDHA SASHTI FUNCTION 2007 SUMMARY

The Skandha Sashti function 2007 was celebrated at the Shiva Vishnu Temple for six days from Saturday, November 10th through Thursday, November 15th, followed by Valli, Devasena samedha Karthikeya Thirukalyana Utsavam on Friday, November 16th and the weekend function on Sunday, November 18th.

The highlight of this year's function is the Samprokshana for the Golden Lance (Vel) on November 11th and for the new Utsava Murthy Vighras of Valli, Devasena and Karthikeya held on November 14th and November 15th. On all six days, Abhishekam was performed for the Moolavar followed by Sahasranama Archana with active participation of the devotees. Vibhuthi Alamkaram was done for the Moolavar on the first day, Chandana Alamkaram on the second day, Pachai Karpoora Alamkaram on the third day, Turmeric Alamkaram on the fourth day, Nija Roopa Seva on the fifth day, full Chandana Alamkaram on the Maha Sashti (sixth) day and PooAnki Seva on the weekend function day.

For the new Utsava Murthys, Abhishekam was performed on Friday before the Kalyana Utsavam. Kalayana Homa was also done on that day. Subramanya Sahasranama Homa was performed on the weekend function day.

On both Maha Sashti day and the weekend function day, Kavadi Puja and Kavadi Procession were held with zeal and enthusiasm. The concluding event on the weekend function day was the Mayura Vahana Seva for Lord Karthikeya. Kalayana Bhojanam was served on Friday as well as on the weekend function day. The coordinator Senthil led the preparations very well with help of other regular volunteers Kannan, Siva, Murugan and others.



# TEMPLE EVENTS IN PICTURES



## ANNADANA PROGRAM AT HCCC

*"Annath Bhoothani Jayanthe Jathani Annena Vardhanthe" -- Upanishath.*

**The Annadaana program for 2008 New Year is a divine opportunity for the community to sponsor food through the Livermore Temple with utmost devotion. One can participate in this program by paying a suggested donation of \$251 towards the 15000+ food packets for devotees.**

In this whole universe, the creation depends on food and it is progressing because of the food. Giving food to the devotees is more than attaining heavens. All our puranas hail that the Annadaana is the supreme and is incomparable to any other form of charity.

**(<http://livermoretemple.org/hints/content/html/annadanna.html>)**

Livermore Temple has been providing lunch prasada (Annadaana Program) for all devotees visiting the temple on any weekend day for the last five years. This program is completely sponsored by the Livermore temple devotees. Devotees sponsor on weekend days Annadana recognizing the special events like birthdays, marriage days, or death anniversary days of their dear ones. Devotees also sponsor on special occasions like graduation, promotions, starting a new business, New Year day, other temple festival days, etc or without any reason. Also the best part of Anna Daana program is when you become part of cooking the food for devotees. If you are available, please be part of the Srama Daana, which is becoming part of cooking and serving food for devotees on a week-end day. Three to four devotee families will prepare the food for devotees using temple kitchen.

For example, on Jan 1st of 2007, 250+ Annadaana sponsors took care of 15000+ devotees visiting on that weekend. Sponsors donated money, food items and also came as volunteers to prepare food and served for all the devotees visiting the temple. This successful program is completely managed by the temple devotees.

**(<http://www.livermoretemple.org/hints/manage%5Ccontent%5Casp%5CAnnadana.htm?menuID=174>)**

## SPONSORING

### **SILVER SPONSORS: (Suggested donation \$251)**

- 1) Sponsors will get archana for all deities on New Year's Day.
- 2) Their name will be displayed for four days (29th, 30th, 31st Dec & 1st Jan) on temple display monitors and posters.
- 3) Their names also will be displayed on the Livermore temple web site for a year (2008).
- 4) Devotees can be a sponsor for another week-end day in the year 2008.
- 5) Sponsors will get Calendar & Laddu at the temple on New Year day

### **GOLD SPONSORS: (Suggested donation \$1001)**

All benefits from silver sponsors and abhishekam to one deity, once a week, for one year.

### **PLATINUM SPONSORS: (Suggested donation \$5001)**

All benefits from silver sponsors, Abhishekam to 9 deities, once a week, for one year, and their name will be displayed in assembly hall.

### **GRAND SPONSORS: (Suggested donation \$10001)**

All benefits from Silver sponsors, all temple sponsored abhishekams and pujas, one home puja of devotee's choice, one Sathya Narayana Puja, one Kalyana Utsavam, one Sahasra Nama Archana, for one year, eligibility for nomination of one person from immediate family (18+ years) to HCCC Steering Committee and their name will be displayed in assembly hall.

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## GANESHA CHATURTHI 2007 CELEBRATIONS

Ganesh Chaturdhi celebrations for 2007 were held at the temple from August 25th to September 23rd. The celebrations were started with Ganapathi Atharva Sheersha Abhishekam on August 25th. The lead priests for this year Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations were Pdts. Chintapalli Venkata Sharma and Nageswera Sastry. The Shilpi from Atlanta temple made the Ganesha clay idol which is about 48 inches height. The Ganesha idol was nicely decorated prior to the puja on Ganesha Chaturthi day. On Sept. 15th, Ganesha Chaturthi day, the temple was opened at 7.00 AM. and by 10 AM the devotees had to wait in long lines to receive blessings of Lord Ganesha. All religious proceedings scheduled for this day went very well. It was very impressive to see about 7000 devotees visiting temple and receiving blessing of Lord Ganesha during this occasion. Crowd management, parking and food supply were well coordinated. In the afternoon, our popular religious proceedings including Ganesh Procession on Mushika Vahanam went very well. After Ganesh Chaturthi day, the nine days special Alankaram rituals started from Sept. 16th through 23rd. On Sept. 23rd morning, the Lord Ganesha visarjana rituals were started. After the religious proceedings the Ganesha idol was taken in a van to Sausalito and the van was followed by two buses with 110 devotees. At Sausalito, the idol was transported into a yacht and then all devotees boarded the yacht. The idol was taken near the Golden gate bridge with religious proceedings and immersed in San Francisco bay. Then theertha prasadam was served on the yacht and all devotees returned to the temple. HCCC thanks to grand sponsors, sponsors, devotees, all volunteers and event coordinator for wonderful planning and arrangements for the entire 29 day event. Veeriah Bodepudi garu lead the coordination of the celebrations (which needed 3+ month preparation).

## FLOWER AND GARLAND (MALA) DECORATIONS FOR DEITIES

Temple procures flowers every week on Thursday for the following weekend/weekday needs. There several dedicated volunteers drive to HCCC, Livermore and prepare different types of garlands (which cover special pushpa alamkara and other special functions) for all the deities. Please join the Mala volunteers, for this great experience. Mala preparation time coincides with Goddess Parvathi, Goddess Mahalakshmi, and Goddess Bhoodevi abhisheka at 10 AM along with every day Shiva Abhisheka at 9.30 AM. Devotees are welcome to sponsor flowers on-line or in-person.



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